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Favors Castro's Price

To The Editor, Of The Courier-Journal:

As the United States government willingly spent \$45,000,000 of its citizens' money to dump about 1,200 renegees on Cuba's beaches last April, the least it can do now is buy them back at the reasonable price of \$62,000,000.

Considering that these Cuban turncoats set out to kill and pillage in their native land and return it to its colonial yoke, despite the will of the vast majority of its people, the Havana government is being extremely generous in offering them a way out. Had their miserable military adventure succeeded, would they have been so lenient with Cuba's liberator and his followers, who for the first time in the island's history are giving the common man a fair shake?

Many of those Cubans who were willing to serve a foreign power to subjugate their country were dupes of U. S. and exile propaganda. They believed the Central Intelligence Agency promise of full support of U. S. armed forces. They were taken in by fairy tales about large-scale opposition to the Cuban social reform movement and absurd lies about the unreliability of Castro's citizen army.

Therefore, the punishment for the crime against Cuba that was the infamous April invasion should not be borne by the combatants alone, but also by the government that projected them into their unenviable predicament. President Kennedy has taken the responsibility for the attack on Cuba, a morally indefensible act of naked aggression that violated both national and international law, so now he should take responsibility for the return of those who did their best in his behalf to bring ex-satellite Cuba back into Washington's orbit, even though their predictable failure was spectacular.

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